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STIPULATION AND REQUEST TO EXTEND DISCOVERY DEADLINE (THIRD REQUEST)

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

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This case arises out of an alleged incident that occurred on November 2, 2015, while Plaintiff was a passenger of a bus operated by MV. According to the Complaint, Plaintiff Tonie Robinson, was a passenger on a bus and sustained injuries as a result of the bus driver failing to properly secure her three-wheel motorized scooter prior to driving and making an erratic turn at an unsafe speed, causing Plaintiff to fall out of her chair onto the floor.

After the matter was removed to federal court, the parties engaged in an FRCP 26 conference with timely submission of a joint proposed scheduling order that complied with the rules. Due to the extensive medical treatment and disclosure of significant pre-existing conditions by Plaintiff, the parties stipulated to extend discovery on September 21, 2017. As a result of this initial stipulation, significant progress towards completing discovery in this matter has occurred. The parties again stipulated to extend discovery on February 2, 2018 in light of expert unavailability, newly disclosed witness depositions, and the necessity of obtaining records for newly disclosed medical providers.

The parties have been working together and coordinating discovery requests to ensure all discovery is timely completed. However, Plaintiff recently communicated that her expert, Dr. Garber had a family emergency and would not be able to attend his currently noticed March 8, 2018 deposition. Dr. Garber also indicated that he did not have availability until May 2018 for his deposition. As a result, the parties request an extension of the current deadline by forty-five (45) days until May 11, 2018 for the limited purpose of taking Dr. Garber's deposition.

#### II. **DISCOVERY COMPLETED:**

The parties have been able to complete a significant amount of discovery to date. In this time period, the parties have participated in the Early Case Conference pursuant to FRCP 26. After discovery opened, each side began to deposit their disclosures. As to Rule 26 disclosures:

DISCLOSURE	DATE SERVED
Initial	August 21, 2017
1 <sup>st</sup> Supplement	September 13, 2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> Supplement	December 15, 2017
	Initial  1 <sup>st</sup> Supplement

1	Defendant	Initial	August 11, 2017
2		1 <sup>st</sup> Supplement	October 6, 2017
3		2 <sup>nd</sup> Supplement	October 13, 2017
4		3 <sup>rd</sup> Supplement	October 17, 2017
5		4 <sup>th</sup> Supplement	December 1, 2017
6		5 <sup>th</sup> Supplement	December 21, 2017
7		6 <sup>th</sup> Supplement	January 12, 2018
8		7 <sup>th</sup> Supplement	January 18, 2018
9		8 <sup>th</sup> Supplement	January 18, 2018
10		9 <sup>th</sup> Supplement	January 25, 2018
11		10 <sup>th</sup> Supplement	February 21, 2018
12		11 <sup>th</sup> Supplement	February 27, 2018
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The parties have also been able to make considerable progress with respect to written discovery:

PROPOUNDED BY	DATE SERVED	DOCUMENT	PROPOUNDED UPON	DATE RESPONDED
Plaintiff	August 8, 2017	First Set of Interrogatories	Defendant	September 14, 2017
	August 8, 2017	First Set of Request for Production of Documents	Defendant	September 14, 2017
Defendant	August 11, 2017	First Set of Interrogatories	Plaintiff	September 14, 2017
	August 11, 2017	First Set of Request for Production of Documents	Plaintiff	September 14, 2017
	August 11, 2017	First Set of Request for Admissions	Plaintiff	September 13, 2017

eptember 28, 017	Second Set of Request for Production of Documents	Plaintiff	November 6, 2017
ovember 9, 017	Third Set of Request for Production of Documents	Plaintiff	December 12, 2017
anuary 18, 018	Fourth Set of Request for Production for Documents	Plaintiff	February 12, 2018

The parties have also complied with expert disclosure deadlines:

PARTY	DISCLOSURE	DATE SERVED
Plaintiff	Initial	August 29, 2017
Defendant	Initial	September 28, 2017
	1 <sup>st</sup> Supplement	November 27, 2017
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supplement	December 4, 2017

The parties have also completed and/or scheduled numerous depositions:

DATE OF DEPOSITION
January 11, 2018
January 26, 2017
February 13, 2018
March 14, 2018
March 19, 2018
May 10, 2018

#### **DISCOVERY THAT REMAINS TO BE COMPLETED:** III.

The parties request the discovery cut-off be extended by forty-five (45) days until May 11, 2018 for the limited purpose of completing the deposition Plaintiff's expert Dr. Garber.

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This recitation of discovery to be completed is not intended to be limiting, but it is set forth to advise the Court of remaining discovery.

## THE REASONS WHY DISCOVERY WAS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN THE IV. TIME LIMITS SET BY THE DISCOVERY PLAN:

The parties are actively working together to complete discovery in this case in accordance with the current discovery schedule. As referenced above, substantial discovery has been completed to date. However, it has come to the parties attention that Plaintiff's expert Dr. Garber, due to limited availability, will not be available until after the current deadline for discovery. The parties ask the discovery cut-off deadline be extended by forty-five (45) days until May 11, 2018 for the sole purpose of completing Dr. Garber's deposition.

### PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETING ALL REMAINING V. **DISCOVERY:**

Event	Current Schedule	Proposed Schedule
Discovery Cut-off	March 27, 2018	May 11, 2018 (for the sole purpose of taking Dr. Garber's deposition)
Dispositive Motions	April 27, 2018	June 11, 2018
Trial Order	May 29, 2018	July 13, 2018

## IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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Upon Stipulation of counsel and good cause appearing, the extension of the discovery cutoff by forty-five (45) days until May 11, 2018 for the sole purpose of taking the deposition of Plaintiff's expert, Dr. Garber and the dispositive motion deadline as follows is granted.

Event	Current Schedule	Proposed Schedule
Discovery Cut-off	January 26, 2018	May 11, 2018
Dispositive Motions	April 27, 2018	June 11, 2018
Trial Order	May 29, 2018	July 13, 2018

# IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED: this 8th day of March, 2018.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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